University. However, the funds by UGC are released in accordance with certain provisions and conditions framed under the schemes. Sometimes, non-fulfillment of the prescribed conditions may result in delay, reduction, withholding/ stoppage of grant to a University under a particular scheme.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Regularisation of officials in SAIL

*285. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL management recruited seven Research Assistants and 33 non- executives on temporary basis, during 1995—97;

(b) if so, the details of those who have been regularized after the initial appointment, indicating the reasons for non regularization of the remaining incumbents;

(c) whether it is a fact that regularisation in respect of other candidates was done, despite a pending court case;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the facts thereof and by which date the remaining incumbents would be regularized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) SAIL Management recruited ten Research Assistants and 33 non-executives on temporary daily rated basis during 1995—97.

(b) to (e) Out of 33 temporary employees, 32 have been regularised *w.e.f.* 30/04/2001 .The one remaining temporary employee and 10 Research Assistants have not been regularised as they are covered by a stay order (dated 30.5.1997), in the writ petition (2470/97) filed by the Steel Authority Employees' Union in the High Court of Delhi, which restrains SAIL from regularising their services. The order is still in operation.

Gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi and Naupada-Gunupur rail lines

*288. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion work of Rupsa-Bangriposi